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In re application of: Attili et al

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on Broadcast Medium

Art Unit: UNASSIGNED

Examiner: Strange, Aaron N

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Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.114Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004 and further to the telephone interview conducted with Examiner on March 09, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks accompanying the request for continued examination (RCE).

The listing of claims reflecting the status of the claims, begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page number 14 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No.: 20-0674.